

The U. S. military storekeeper at Washington reported on Thursday that within the last week he received 52,000 blankets, which were being issued daily to the army, and that he had shipped for the Army of the Potomac, from the 24th Oct. to date, 85,000 uniforms, 50,000 of which have been sent down to Harper's Ferry and that neighborhood.

Indictments have been found in the Jersey County Court, in Illinois, against Lieut. Col. Milton S. Littlefield, Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry, and Adjutant Wm. A. Scott, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, for bringing negroes into the State. Each brought home a servant from the war, and hence the indictment.

The continued introduction of negroes into some parts of Illinois, contrary to the laws of that State, appears to increase the prejudices of the people against this species of immigration. Public meetings protesting against this policy have been held in various localities supposed to be injuriously affected by it.

The Democrats of Boston have subscribed a large amount of money, with which they have chartered the steam tug Jason, for the purpose of serving the writ of *habeas corpus* in the Windsor case on Colonel Dimmick. The tug has been steaming up and down in front of Fort Warren for the last three days, having on board the Deputy Sheriff, who has charge of the writ, in hopes of the commandant's appearance. The gates of the fort are kept closed.

On Wednesday, sentence of death was passed on Robert, alias Doc Dool, convicted of the murder of Adam Buch, in Wheeling, in August last, by shooting him with a pistol.

In view of the great increase of contrabands at Fortress Monroe, Gen. Dix recently sent to Gov. Andrew to know if Massachusetts could not take and provide for five hundred families. We are told by an apologist of Gov. Andrew that he "promptly and decidedly declared his disapproval of the whole scheme, mainly on the ground that whenever the government officials will do the contrabands justice, they have shown that they can take care of themselves—that they are not wanted there, and that they are, or soon will be, wanted in the South."

Major Dexter, the provost marshal of Washington, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of cavalry.

The Maryland Agricultural College, located near Bladensburg, is now in successful operation.

The order allowing the regular service to be recruited from the volunteer regiments has been rescinded altogether, so far as the artillery are concerned, and the volunteer artillerymen who have joined the regular service are to be immediately returned to the batteries and companies from which they were taken.

Dispatches from St. Louis report a skirmish at Pocahontas, in which a Confederate guerilla party was defeated, a large number being captured. Other successful skirmishes are reported.

Some three hundred recruits for the Federal army, from East Tennessee, reached Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday last, having successfully passed the Confederate lines.

The Fortress Monroe steamer reports that cannonading was heard on Saturday evening up the James river, but the cause was not ascertained.

Until the meeting of Congress the President will not receive visitors after 12 o'clock M. on any day.

A Baltimore dispatch says: Messrs Gardner, Rich, Sewal and Evans, since their return from Fort Delaware, have discovered emissaries and secret causes of their arrest, which implicate prominent contractors and others.

Suspensions are gaining credence that some foul play attaches to the recent burning of the ship Alleghany, on the Chesapeake Bay. The mystery is being investigated.

There is a brisk trade now between New York and New Orleans. Eleven vessels are to sail within the next fortnight.

Klein, the driver, who was arrested last week on the charge of stealing Government horses, has, after an examination, been honorably discharged.

At the present price of cotton duck, a suit of sales for a ship of 1,000 tons would cost not less than \$5,500 not including bolt rope manufacture, &c, reckoning 7,500 yards for the suit, at an average price of 75 cents per yard.

General Sigel telegraphs from Fairfax that the Confederates are making a demonstration toward Manassas.

The N. Y. Tribune's Washington correspondent says that a great battle is expected at Corinth before many days.

The Milwaukee News states that arrangements have been made to import a quantity of negroes into Dodge county, (Wisconsin,) to be employed in the field and in families in place of whites. The Fond du Lac Reporter, Republican, of the 25th, says that seventy-five arrived there on Tuesday. They are to be employed because they can be had cheaper than white men.

Geo. Bancroft, the historian, is on a visit to Harper's Ferry.

Judge Joel Parker, of Mass., who has been a Republican, voting for Fremont and Lincoln, has halted, and publishes a letter objecting to the present course of things advocated by the Republican party.

Thaddeus Stevens is now given the authority for the statement that the public debt is two thousand millions. The Boston Courier, for proof, cites from a campaign speech by Mr. Stevens.

It is stated that General McNeil, who ordered the recent execution in Missouri, is an officer of the State militia of Missouri, and not under the military administration of the national government. The case is much talked of, and commented on.

It is stated that the military force in Canada is about to be increased by some batteries of artillery and a brigade of infantry. Large additions have been recently made to the stores of arms, ammunition and material in military depots, which are now equal to equipping and maintaining in the field a force of 250,000 men.

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Battle at Snickers' Gap.

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WHEATLAND, Nov. 2, 10 p. m.

I have just received a dispatch from Gen. McClellan, dated at Snicker's Gap, 6 p. m., stating that he has full possession of the Gap.—When Hancock arrived there it was held by the enemy's cavalry, who were at once driven out. A column of from five to six thousand infantry advanced to retake it, but were dispersed by the fire of our rifled guns. The position is a strong one from either side. It is said that Jackson and A. P. Hill are in the valley opposite. Pleasanton had driven the enemy's cavalry several miles beyond Union at 3 p. m., exploding one of their caissons, and capturing ten of their wounded left behind.

R. B. MARCY, Chief-of-Staff.

What is spoken of as the "Texas expedition" is represented by telegraph as fitting out at Boston. General Banks is to take charge of it, and certain forces and regiments are mentioned as having been detailed for the enterprise.

Secretary Chase is still paying Consular and Ministerial drafts in gold. The Consul at Athens, who drew his draft on Saturday, received the balance of his salary in the precious metal.

DIED.

On yesterday, Nov. 3d, EMMA J., eldest daughter of Henry and Emeline Brengle, in the 15th year of her age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her father, on King, between Pitt and St. Asaph streets, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

At half-past three o'clock, on the morning of the 31st ult., after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH GOULD, the beloved wife of Isaac B. Lovejoy, in the 53d year of her age, leaving a husband and three children to mourn their irreparable loss. Our mother has gone home to heaven. [Boston, Mass., and Richmond, Va., papers please copy.]

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